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Blackwater USA  
Attn: Victor Esposito, WPPS Project Manager  
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RE: Requests for Documents from House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Dear Mr. Esposito:

I understand that Blackwater Lodge and Training Center, Inc., and Blackwater Security Consulting, LLC (Blackwater) have received certain requests for documents and/or information from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The Department of State (DOS) has worked to fulfill similar requests from the Committee and will continue to do so. This letter confirms that the DOS position as set forth in the former Contracting Officer's (CO's) letter of May 11, 2007, remains the same.

To reiterate, DOS has no objection to Blackwater providing unclassified documents to the Committee in response to its requests. To the extent that any unclassified documents raise concerns about disclosure of privacy information, sensitive security/operational information, or proprietary data, we ask that you identify those concerns to the Committee when providing such documents to the Committee so that they can be properly handled and protected by Committee staff.

Any classified documents that Blackwater believes may be responsive to the Committee's requests should be forwarded to the DOS WPPS CO and/or COR for review prior to production. Following its review, DOS will return the documents to Blackwater and provide authorization, as appropriate, for disclosure to the Committee, consistent with Executive Branch responsibilities to safeguard national security information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-875-5250 or via e-mail at [Money PennyLK@state.gov](mailto:Money PennyLK@state.gov).

Sincerely,

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